

NEWS ADVISORY

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Volunteers Needed to Help Plant 34 New Trees in West Valley City

WHAT: Volunteers are needed to help plant 34 new trees in West Valley City along the Sugar

Plum Trail.

WHEN: Saturday, May 21, 2011

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WHERE: About 3000 S. 7200 W. along the Sugar Plum Trail

WHO: The media and general public are invited to attend. Volunteers are welcome to

participate in the planting project.

WHY: The West Valley City Parks and Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to help

plant 34 new trees along the Sugar Plum Trail in West Valley City. The project will take place Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 9 a.m. until noon. Volunteers are encouraged to bring work gloves, shovels and picks if possible. The Parks and Recreation Department

will also provide some tools.

Interested volunteers can contact West Valley City's Parks Forester, Darin Nerdin, at 801-509-1939 or simply show up at the Sugar Plum Trail (about 3000 S. 7200 W.) on

Saturday, May 21, to assist.

The 34 trees were purchased using part of a \$5,000 grant provided by the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. The purpose of the grant is to help West Valley City increase its urban forest, promote tree diversity and provide education and service

opportunities to the public.

To achieve the goal of tree diversity in West Valley City, 22 different types of trees will be planted on Saturday including Flowering Plum, American Elm, Sycamore Maple, Camperdown Elm, Bur Oak, Yellowwood, Weeping Willow, Sweetgum, Silver Linden, Golderraintree, Colorado Blue Spruce, Limber Pine, Lacebark Pine, Austrian Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Deodora Cedar, Chitalpa, Lilac, Baldcypress, Bosnian Pine, White Fringetree and Giant Sequoia.